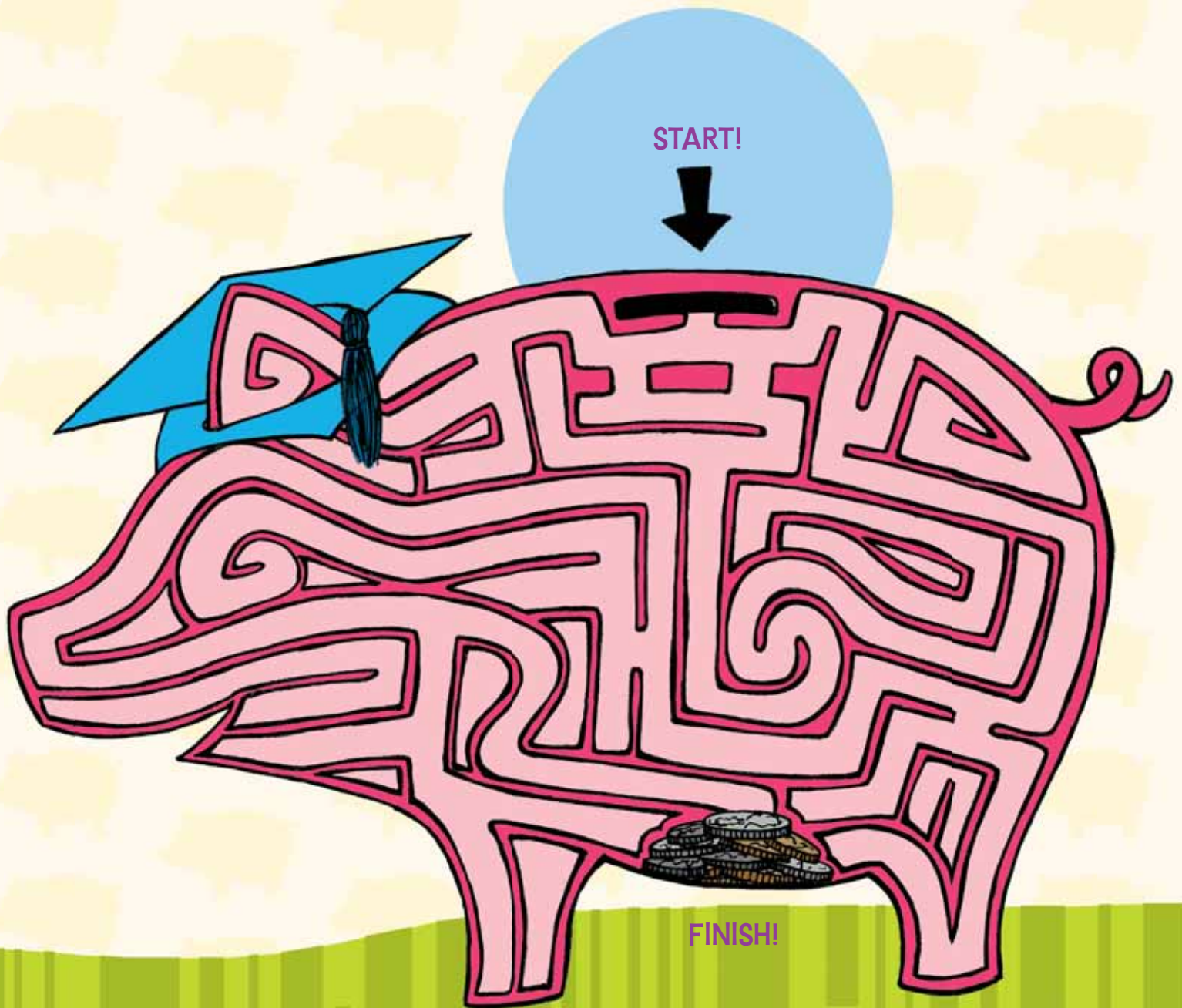


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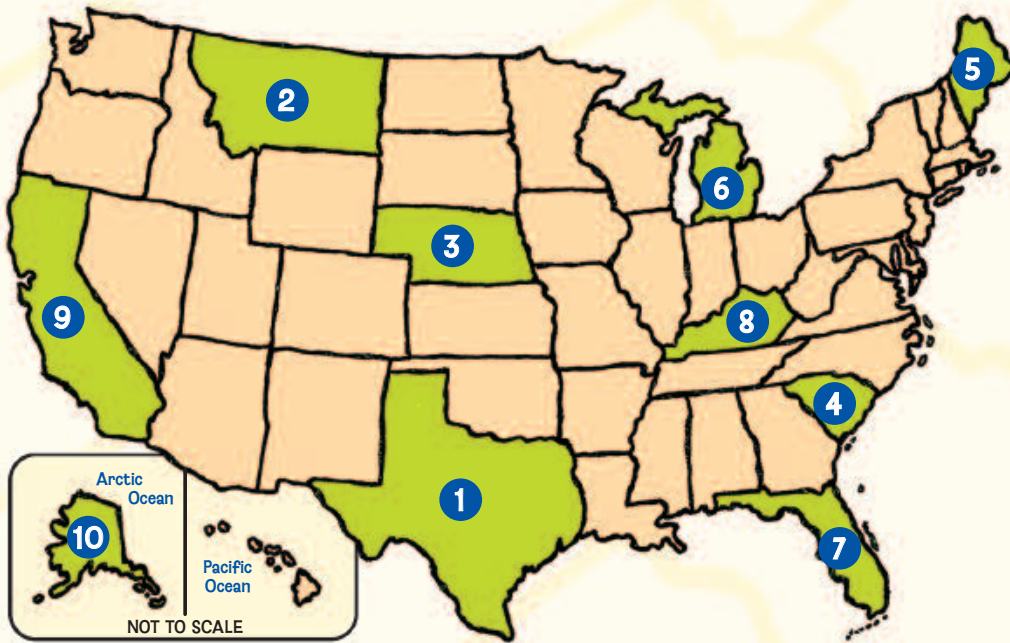
About Planning for College



Wherever You Want to Go



Many people move away from home when they go to college. It's fun! You get to pick the place where you want to live and study. Below is a map of the United States. Each green state matches one of the colleges below. Can you match the college with the state?



- 6 Michigan State University
- University of South Carolina
- Alaska Pacific University
- Rocky Mountain College
(in Montana)
- California State
Polytechnic University
- Texas Culinary Institute
- Florida Technical College
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Maine College of Art
- Nebraska College of Business

Which state(s) have you been to already? _____

Which state(s) would you like to visit with your family? _____

Where would you most like to go to college? Why? _____

Where did your parents go to college? _____

CROSS-COUNTRY STUDYING!

To help your child learn more about different colleges in different places, log on to www.princetonreview.com and pretend you're picking a college for real!

Get Ready, Get Set!

Getting ready for college is a lot like getting ready for school in the morning. If you wait until the last minute, you'll probably be late.

You do need to know a lot to get into college. But if you take the right classes (and pay attention!) it won't be so hard when the time comes. These are the classes that most colleges want you to take before you start.



- * Algebra I (in eighth grade) and Geometry (in ninth grade).
- * English, Science and History or Geography (every year)
- * Foreign Language (at least two years)
- * Computer Science
- * The Arts

What did your parents study in school?

What were your parents' favorite classes?

What's your favorite subject?



Find and circle all the hidden words!

READING	COMPUTERS	SCIENCE
MATH	ENGLISH	HISTORY
ART	MUSIC	PHONICS

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BE READY TO GET READY FOR COLLEGE!

Getting ready for college can be a lot of work. To help your child find out more about what she needs to do and learn, check out www.collegeplan.org.

Save for Yourself!



College can be very expensive. Most moms and dads save their money for a long time to pay for college. But if you save a little bit at a time, it's not so hard to get what you want. For example:

Eva wants a hamster. She needs \$30 to buy the hamster, a cage, and some hamster food. If she gets \$3 a week for allowance, how many weeks will it take Eva to save \$30 and buy the hamster? _____

How many weeks would it take if she saved \$6 a week? _____

How much money would Eva have if she saved \$1 a week for a year? _____
(HINT: There are 52 weeks in a year.)

Make a plan with your parents to save for something you want!

What would you like to save for? _____

How much does it cost? _____

How long do you think it will take you to save? _____

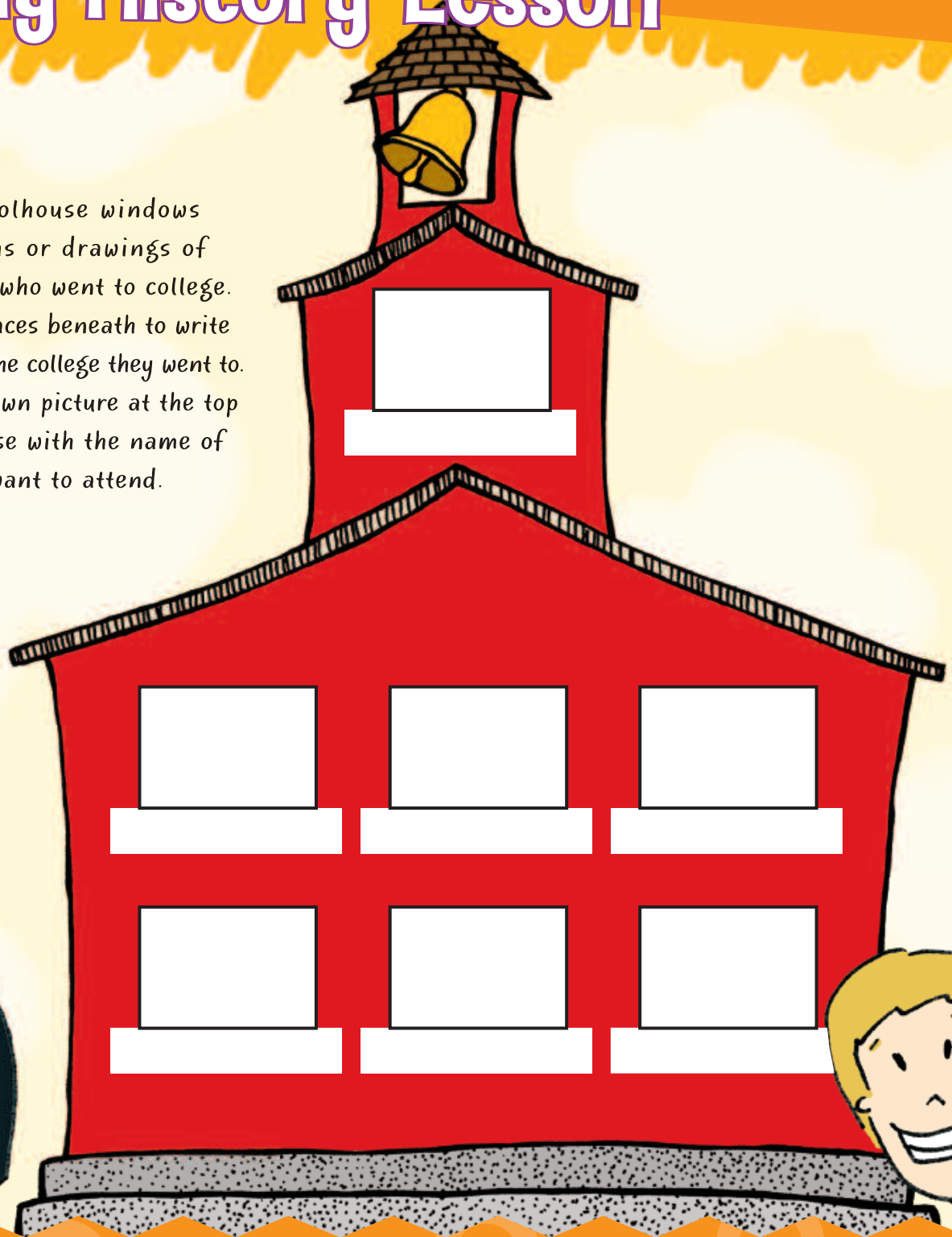


HOW WILL YOU SAVE FOR COLLEGE?

College is really expensive, but if you log on to www.collegesavings.org, you can explore ways for your family to start saving for the future.

Family History Lesson

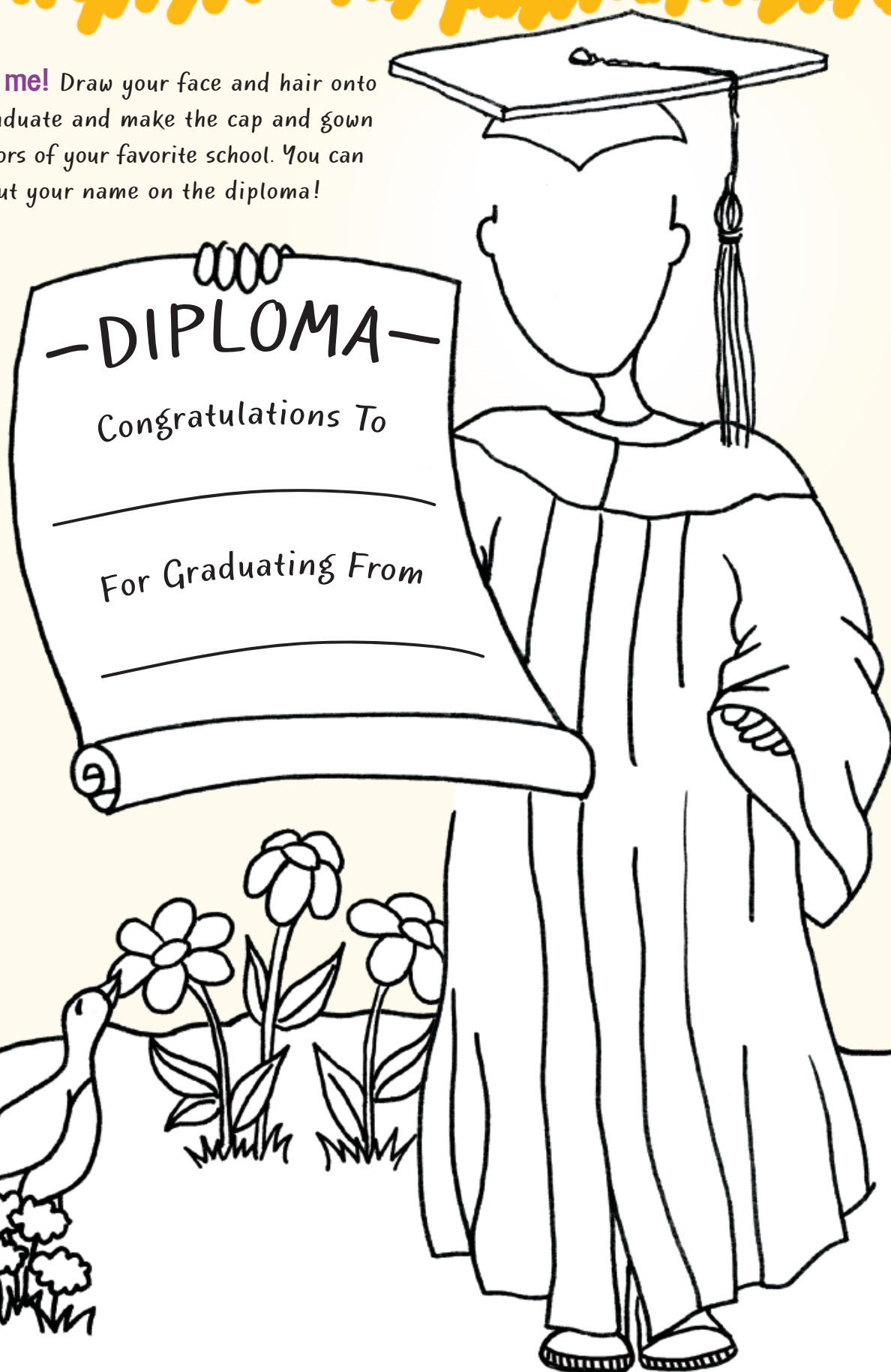
Fill in the schoolhouse windows with photographs or drawings of family members who went to college. Use the blank spaces beneath to write their names and the college they went to. Then draw your own picture at the top of the schoolhouse with the name of the college you want to attend.



DIFFERENT SCHOOLS FOR DIFFERENT KIDS.

A child can be anything when he grows up—an astronaut or a dancer or even a zookeeper! Help your child find a fun job he might like by checking out www.mapping-your-future.org.

Color me! Draw your face and hair onto the graduate and make the cap and gown the colors of your favorite school. You can even put your name on the diploma!



Why Go to College?

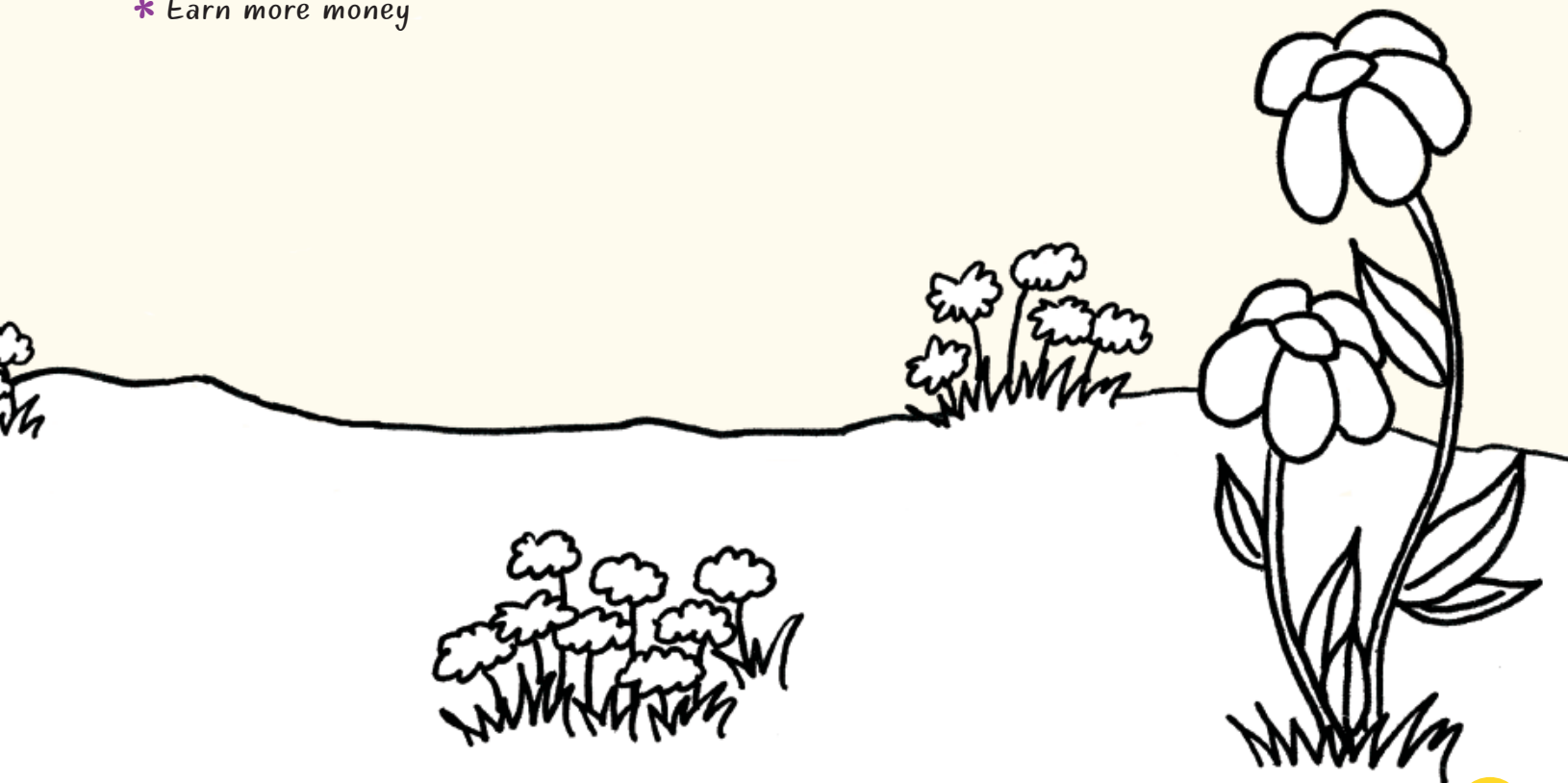
There are lots of good reasons to go to college. For one thing, you get a diploma with your name on it and a cool cap and gown.

But there are other reasons.

People who go to college know more. They learn things they can use not only at work, but also when vacationing, walking in the woods, working on cars, playing baseball or raising children.

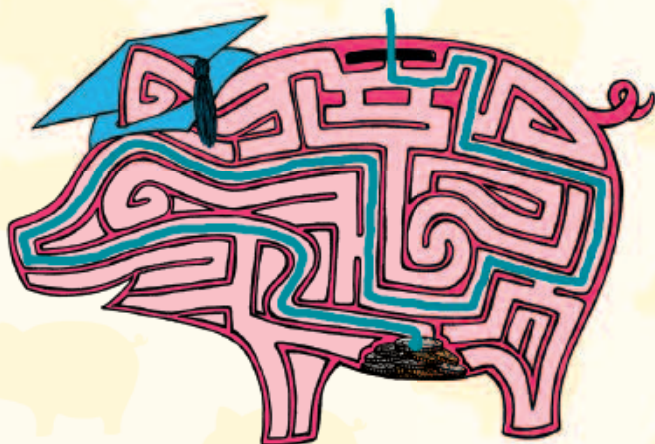
In general, people who go to college* ...

- * Are much healthier
- * Have more confidence and feel better about themselves
- * Get along better with other people
- * Are less likely to smoke
- * Read to their children more
- * Like their jobs more
- * Earn more money



Activity Answer Key

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It will take Eva 10 weeks to save \$30.

It would take Eva 5 weeks if she saved \$6 a week.

Eva would have \$52 if she saved \$1 a week for a year.